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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 5, 1989

1. CHINA

A. AFTER THE BLOODBATH

YESTERDAY AND THIS MORNING TROOPS CONTINUED TO FIRE INDISCRIMINATELY AT CITIZENS IN THE AREA NEAR TIANANMEN SQUARE. CITIZENS TRIED TO BLOCK STREETS AND BURNED ARMORED VEHICLES AND ARMY TRUCKS. HUNDREDS OF MILITARY VEHICLES INCLUDING AT LEAST 34 TANKS AND NUMEROUS ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS, ACCORDING [] AND PRESS REPORTS.

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SECURED A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS WHERE STUDENTS HAD CAPTURED AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, AND ISSUED A WARNING THAT EXECUTIONS OF STUDENTS WILL BEGIN TONIGHT, ACCORDING TO UNITS ARE POISED OUTSIDE SEVERAL OTHER COLLEGES, AND THE MILITARY SAID TROOPS WILL MOVE AGAINST THE CAMPUSES IF RESISTANCE DOES NOT CEASE. SOME STUDENTS HAVE SEIZED WEAPONS AND ARE VOWING TO RESIST. NON-VIOLENT PROTESTS HAVE OCCURRED IN HALF A DOZEN OTHER CITIES; MORE

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PRESS HAVE REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 1,000 SOLDIERS AND POLICE WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AND THAT SOME CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. FOREIGN ESTIMATES RANGE FROM HUNDREDS TO AS MANY

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AS 2,600 CIVILIANS KILLED AND THOUSANDS INJURED. BUT THE
SEVERITY OF THE ASSAULT ON TIANANMEN SQUARE IS CLEAR.
TROOPS SHOT INDISCRIMINATELY INTO CROWDS OF UNARMED
CIVILIANS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, OFTEN WITH
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. IN ONE CASE, STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO
PARLEY WITH TROOPS WERE GUNNED DOWN. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS
REPORT SEEING FLEEING PROTESTERS SHOT IN THE BACK.
ENRAGED PROTESTERS BURNED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND KILLED
SOME SECURITY PERSONNEL. [

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HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN AT THE SQUARE, BUT NO TOP OFFICIAL HAS APPEARED OR COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON THE VIOLENCE. OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENTS SUGGEST THE HARD-LINERS ARE FIRMLY IN CONTROL, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

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June 5, 1989 Secretary's Morning Summary

B. WORLDWIDE REACTION TO MASSACRE

POLITICAL LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD, REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY, UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THE "BLOODY REPRESSION" IN CHINA. PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS, SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ORDONEZ AND AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER HAWKE ISSUED STRONG STATEMENTS DECRYING THE VIOLENCE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE. MRS. THATCHER WAS "APPALLED." HAWKE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS SANCTIONS, BUT AS A "MESSAGE OF ANGER" HE HAD CANCELLED A PLANNED VISIT TO SHANGHAI BY AN AUSTRALIAN NAVY VESSEL. DUMAS SAID "BRUTAL FORCE WAS USED TO STOP...THE GROWING MOVEMENT FOR THE IDEALS OF LIBERTY. THIS...RUNS COUNTER TO THE CAUSE OF HISTORY." AUTHORITIES IN POLAND, SWEDEN, THE FRG, JAPAN, AND LEADERS OF THE JAPANESE AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES ISSUED SIMILAR STATEMENTS. THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED FOR A JOINT EC CONDEMNATION OF THE

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CHINESE ACTION. A MANILA EDITORIAL SAID "THEY RECAPTURE THE SQUARE BUT THEY LOSE THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE." ON TAIWAN, PRESIDENT LEE PUT TROOPS ON ALERT AFTER ISSUING A STRONG STATEMENT.

THE SOVIETS, WHO HAD BEEN SHOWING INTERVIEWS ON STATE-RUN TV WITH CHINESE STUDENTS PRAISING GORBACHEV'S REFORMS, HAVE REPORTED ON THE EVENTS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE, BUT HAVE GIVEN FEW DETAILS.

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